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SUBJ: ROK/IAEA/FRANCE TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT

1. MISSION HAS LEARNED THAT FRANCE, SOUTH KOREA AND IAEA ARE IN PROCESS OF NEGOTIATING TRILATERAL SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT, AS RESULT PROSPECTIVE FRENCH SALE OF FUEL FABRICATION AND FUEL REPROCESSING PLANTS TO SOUTH KOREA.

2. WE WERE ORIGINALLY INFORMED THAT, BECAUSE CREDIT ARRANGEMENT FOR THIS PURCHASE WAS DUE TO EXPIRE SHORTLY AND BECAUSE SALE IS APPARENTLY CONDITIONED OF ROK ACCEPTANCE OF IAEA SAFEGUARDS, TRILATERAL WOULD BE BROUGHT BEFORE SPECIAL BOARD OF GOVERNORS MEETING TOMORROW (MARCH 5), AT WHICH JAPAN/IAEA NPT SAFEGUARDS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

3. WE NOW UNDERSTAND, HOWEVER, THAT TRILATERAL HAS BEEN DEFERRED TO REGULAR JUNE BG MEETING, AND THAT ROK APPARENTLY WILL MEET FRENCH REQUIREMENT THROUGH EXCHANGE OF LETTERS, IN WHICH ROK COMMITS ITSELF TO ACCEPT IAEA SAFEGUARDS UNDER TRILATERAL TO BE CONCLUDED SUBSEQUENTLY.

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4. UNDERSTAND TEXT OF TRILATERAL WILL BE SIMILAR TO RECENTLY APPROVED US/IAEA/ISRAEL TRILATERAL, EXCEPT THAT THERE WILL BE NO RPT NO UNDERLYING BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN ROK AND FRANCE, AND THERE ARE NUMBER OF OTHER MINOR CHANGES WHICH SHOULD POSE NO RPT NO PROBLEMS. MOST IMPORTANTLY, HOWEVER, ROK UNDERTAKING IN AGREEMENT WILL REFER SPECIFICALLY TO PROHIBITION AGAINST DEVELOPMENT OR MANUFACTURE OF ANY NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICE, IN ADDITION TO USUAL "NO-MILITARY-USES" UNDERTAKING. THIS IS IN ACCORDANCE WITH DG'S ANNOUNCEMENT AT BG MEETING LAST WEEK WHEN SPAIN/IAEA SAFEGUARDS AGREEMENT WAS CONSIDERED.

5. WE WILL FORWARD COPY OF TEXT AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.
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